

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Withdrawn) A positive electrode active material containing lithium composite manganese oxide having spinel structure for a non-aqueous electrolyte cell whose primary particle diameter is not less than  $0.05\ \mu\text{m}$  and not greater than  $10\ \mu\text{m}$ , forming an aggregate, and whose specific surface measured by the BET method is not less than  $0.2\ \text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and not greater than  $2\ \text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

2. (Withdrawn) A positive electrode active material as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said lithium composite manganese active material is expressed by a general formula  $\text{Li}_x\text{Mn}_{2-y}\text{M}_y\text{O}_4$  (wherein  $0.90 \leq x \leq 1.4$ ,  $y \leq 0.30$ , and M is one or more materials selected from a group consisting of Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, and Al).

3. (Withdrawn) A production method of a positive electrode active material for a non-aqueous electrolyte cell, wherein a starting raw material of lithium composite manganese oxide is mixed with a predetermined composition, molded with a pressure, and sintered at a temperature not lower than  $600^\circ\text{C}$  and not higher than  $900^\circ\text{C}$ .

4. (Withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary cell comprising:  
a positive electrode containing as a positive electrode active material a lithium composite manganese oxide having spinel structure and whose primary particle diameter is not less than  $0.05\ \mu\text{m}$  and not greater than  $10\ \mu\text{m}$ , forming an aggregate, and whose specific surface measured by the BET method is in a range not less than  $0.2\ \text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and not greater than

2 m<sup>2</sup>/g,

a negative electrode, and

an electrolyte.

5. (Withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary cell as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the negative electrode contains a material capable reversibly doping and dedoping lithium.

6. (Withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary cell as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the material capable of reversibly doping and dedoping lithium is at least one selected from a group consisting of a carbon material, metal lithium, lithium alloy, polyacene, and polypyrrol.

7. (Withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary cell as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the carbon material is at least one selected from a group consisting of pyrocabon, coke, glassy carbon, organic polymer compound sintered body, and carbon fiber.

8. (Withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary cell as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the electrolyte is at least one selected from a group consisting of LiClO<sub>4</sub>, LiAsF<sub>6</sub>, LiPF<sub>6</sub>, LiBF<sub>4</sub>, LiB(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, LiCl, LiBr, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Li, and CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>Li.

9. (Withdrawn) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary cell as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the electrolyte is dissolved in an organic solvent which is at least one selected from a group consisting of propylene carbonate, ethylene carbonate, 1, 2-dimethoxyethane,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, tetrahydrofuran, 2-methyltetrahydrofuran, 1, 3-dioxolane, sulfolane, acetonitrile, diethyl carbonate, and dipropyl carbonate.

Claims 10 - 22 (Cancelled).

23. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a positive electrode active material for a non-aqueous electrolyte cell, comprising:

- (a) mixing a first ingredient with a lithium composite manganese oxide;
- (b) molding the mixture under pressure;
- (c) sintering the mixture at a temperature not lower than 600°C and not higher than ~~900°C~~ 850°C; wherein

(1) the positive electrode active material comprises lithium composite manganese oxide having a spinel structure whose primary particle diameter is not less than 0.05  $\mu\text{m}$  and not greater than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , forms an aggregate, and whose specific surface area measured by the BET method is not less than 0.2  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and not greater than 2  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ ;

(2) the non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprises a negative electrode having a material capable of reversibly doping and dedoping lithium, wherein the material capable of

reversibly doping and dedoping lithium is at least one selected from the group consisting of a carbon material, metal lithium, lithium alloy, polyacene, and polypyrrol;

(3) wherein the carbon material is at least one selected from the group consisting of pyrocarbon, coke, glassy carbon, organic polymer compound sintered body, and carbon fiber; and

(4) wherein the lithium composite manganese active material is expressed by a general formula  $\text{Li}_x\text{Mn}_{2-y}\text{M}_y\text{O}_4$ , wherein  $.09 \leq x \leq 1.4$ ;  $y \leq .3$ ; and M is one or more materials selected from the group consisting of Ti, V, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, and Al.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the spinel structure has a primary particle diameter that is not less than  $0.1 \mu\text{m}$  and not greater than  $5 \mu\text{m}$ .

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the spinel structure has a primary particle diameter that is not less than  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  and not greater than  $3 \mu\text{m}$ .

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising pulverizing the sintered mixture.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the step of mixing the first ingredient further includes creating a slurry of 86% by weight of lithium composite manganese

oxide, about 10% by weight of graphite, about 4% polyvinylidene fluoride, which then dissolved in a solvent.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising uniformly applying the slurry to aluminum foil to obtain a thickness of about 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

29. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a positive electrode active material for a non-aqueous electrolyte cell, comprising:

- (a) mixing a first ingredient with a lithium composite manganese oxide;
- (b) molding the mixture under pressure;
- (c) sintering the mixture at a temperature not lower than 600°C and not higher than ~~900°C~~ 850°C; wherein

(1) the positive electrode active material comprises a lithium composite manganese oxide having spinel structure and whose primary particle diameter is not less than 0.05  $\mu\text{m}$  and not greater than 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , forms an aggregate, and whose specific surface measured by the BET method is not less than 0.2  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and not greater than 2  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ ;

(2) the non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprises a negative electrode having a carbon material selected from the group consisting of pyrocarbon, coke, glassy carbon, organic polymer compound sintered body, and carbon fiber; and

(3) the non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprises an electrolyte.

30. (Previously Presented) The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell of claim 29, wherein the negative electrode contains a material capable of reversibly doping and dedoping lithium.

31. (Previously Presented) The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell of claim 30, wherein the material capable of reversibly doping and dedoping lithium is at least one selected from the group consisting of a carbon material, metal lithium, lithium alloy, polyacene, and polypyrrol.

32. (Previously Presented) The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell of claim 29, wherein the positive electrode comprises about 86% of the positive electrode active material, about 10% graphite, and about 4% polyvinylidene fluoride.

33. (Previously Presented) The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell of claim 29, wherein the electrolyte is at least one selected from the group consisting of  $\text{LiClO}_4$ ,  $\text{LiAsF}_6$ ,  $\text{LiPF}_6$ ,  $\text{LiB}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4$ ,  $\text{LiCl}$ ,  $\text{LiBr}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3\text{Li}$ , and  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{Li}$ .

34. (Previously Presented) The nonaqueous electrolyte secondary cell of claim 29, wherein the electrolyte is dissolved in an organic solvent that is selected from the group consisting of propylene carbonate; ethylene carbonate; 1,2-dimethoxymethane; gamma-butyrolactone; tetrahydrofuran; 2-methyltetrahydrofuran; 1,3-dioxolane; sulfolane; acetonitrile; diethyl carbonate; and dipropyl carbonate.